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Biometric Authentication System

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5 BACKGROUND TECHNIQUE

The present invention relates to a biological information identification technique used for controlling entrance into and exit from important facilities and for controlling access to an information system. More 10 particularly, the present invention relates to a fingerprint identification technique.

In the prior art, there is known an access control technique that permits only a specific user registered in advance to go into and out of the facilities, or to utilize 15 an information system by employing biological information such as a fingerprint. This access control technique is exemplified, as follows:

(1) Client Authentication System: As disclosed in Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 09-198501 (as will 20 be called the "Document 1"), an unauthorized entrance into an administered region is prevented by comparing the biological information of a user registered in advance in a door control device with biological information inputted at the time of in-going and out-going.

25 (2) Server Authentication Type Fingerprint Identification System: As disclosed in Japanese Patent